(a) whether it is a fact that China is planning to sell major ballistic missiles to Pakistan; and

(b) if so, in what way it would affect our defence preparedness?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (Dr RAJA RAMANNA) : (a) Government have seen media reports on this matter. So far there is no confirmed information that China is proposing to sell such missiles to Pakistan.

(b) Government take into consideration all developments impinging on our security and continually up date plans to maintain full defence preparedness.

Eligibility of employees of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan to appear in SAA examination

2236. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the employees working in Accounts and Audit Branch of KVS are permitted to appear in SAA Examination of the Government of India;

(b) whether there are the required qualifications for Accounts Officer/ Audit Officer in SAS;

(c) whether the experience in SAS 'Grade' means SAS qualification;

(d) whether any such SAS qualification can be imposed in promotion cases in KVS where employees are not entitled to acquire SAS qualification; and

(e) if so, the reasons for prescribing such qualifications for promotion in the organisation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The provision for SAS qualification is relevant only to the extent that persons with this qualification are available for the purposes of promotion. The recruitment rules do provide for the alternative method of appointment by deputation of Accounts Officer/ Audit Officer from Indian Audit Department of Central Accounts Departments—in the event of persons with SAS qulification not being available. The post of Accounts Officer/Internal Audit Officer, being a technical one, the recruitment rules, as they stand now are conducive to maintenance of quality and standards in accounting and audit work.

Auditorium in the Kendriya Vidyalaya Buildings

2237. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no provision for auditorium in the buildings being constructed for the Kendriya Vidyalayas; and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Keeping in view the resource constraints, it is not considered feasible to provide Auditorium in school campus of the Kendriya Vidyalayas. However, while designing school campus, generally building blocks are designed in such a manner as to ensure that open air assembly with stage is available.